

Acquisition Advisory Panel

Cross-Cutting Issues:
Small Business Working Group

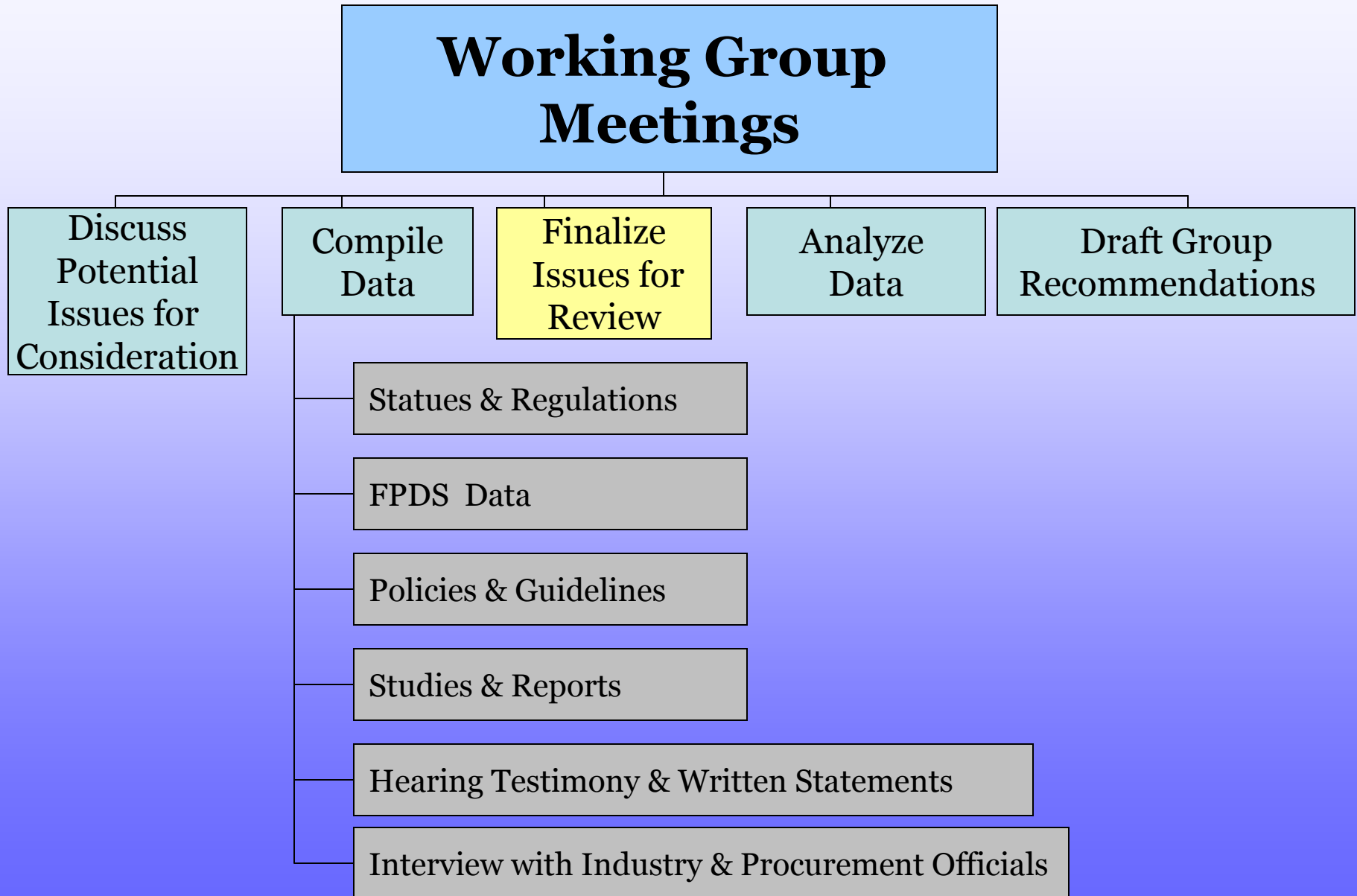
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Small Business Working Group

Panel Members

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 - General Counsel, U.S. Small Business Administration
- Louis Addeo
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- Roger Waldron
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Working Group Methodology



Challenges in Defining Issues

- Issues beyond scope of Panel's Charter.
- Issues currently under consideration in separate Rulemaking process.

Small Business Administration Size Restructuring Hearings

- SBA published a *Federal Register* Notice requesting comments on how best to restructure size standards.
- SBA is currently conducting public hearings on restructuring the size standards.

Schedule of SBA Size Standard Hearings

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Seattle	June 2, 2005
St. Louis	June 2, 2005
Portland	June 7, 2005
Atlanta	June 9, 2005
Denver	June 14, 2004

Schedule of SBA Size Standard Hearings

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
New York	June 16, 2005
Washington, D.C.	June 17, 2005
Chicago	June 20, 2002
Dallas	June 22, 2005
San Francisco	June 28, 2005
Los Angeles	June 29, 2005

Underlying Congressional Mandate Governing Small Business Contracting

- Protect the Interests of Small business to:
 - Preserve free competitive enterprise;
 - Ensure a fair share of prime and subcontract awards are placed with small businesses; and
 - Maintain and strengthen the Nation's economy.

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3 Primary Areas of Focus

1. **Accountability** for planning acquisition strategies to afford small business participation.
2. **Small Business Access** to fair competition for awards.
3. **Integrity** of subcontracting awards to small businesses.

Issue #1:

Accountability for Acquisition Planning

- **Program Guidance**: Is there adequate guidance in using small business procurement programs against interagency contracting vehicles?
- **Contract Unbundling**: To what extent are agencies engaging in unnecessary and unjustified contract bundling of services acquisitions?

Issue #2:

Access to Competition for Awards

- **Multiple Award Contracts**: What effect does the proliferation of multiple award contracts have on the opportunity for small businesses to compete for contract awards and orders?
- **Cascading Procurements**: What effect does the increasing use of cascading procurements have on the ability of small businesses to compete for awards?

Issue #3:

Integrity of Subcontracting Awards

- **Subcontracting Plans:** Are there adequate mechanisms in place to ensure that large prime contractors comply with small business subcontracting plans?
- **Prompt Payment:** Are there adequate mechanisms in place to ensure that large prime contractors promptly pay small business subcontractors?

Next Steps

- Interview public sector officials and industry representatives.
- Analyze data and document findings.
- Draft background and define issues for report to Panel.
- Develop and draft recommendations.